

A RESOLUTION to honor John Houston Hancock, 1995
Valedictorian of Lebanon High School.

WHEREAS, in a time when our youth face tremendous challenges, it is refreshing to know that there are young Tennesseans for whom the normal is not acceptable, who believe strongly in the work ethic that made America the most prosperous nation in history and who have achieved excellence in their academic careers; and

WHEREAS, John Houston Hancock is such an outstanding student who has distinguished himself as valedictorian of the 1995 class at Lebanon High School; and

WHEREAS, through long hours of diligent study, steady composure during examinations, and untiring commitment of time and talent, John has achieved extraordinary academic success, and has joined the ranks of the elite students of Tennessee and our nation; and

WHEREAS, he attended Byars Dowdy Elementary School (1st through 5th grades); Walter J. Baird Middle School (6th through 8th grades) and Lebanon High School for all four years; receiving praise from faculty and students for his exceptional intelligence and strong commitment to public service; and

WHEREAS, in his laudable high school career, he has earned an exceptional 98.905 grade point average and had an enviable composite ACT score of 30, with a 31 in English and Reading, a 30 in Math and a 26 in Science; and

WHEREAS, John has been on the Principal's List each year of high school, has been listed in the prestigious *Who's Who Among High School Students* each year of high school, received the FFA Scholarship Pin in the 10th, 11th and 12th grades (highest GPA in Club), and

received the top score at Lebanon High School on the American High School Mathematics Exam in 1994, with an admirable score of 99; and

WHEREAS, John's display of intellectual prowess and inner drive surely bodes well for his future success; and

WHEREAS, he has been very active in school activities, generously contributing his expert leadership as a member of the Beta Club (10-12), helping with the Special Olympics (10-11); Mu Alpha Theta (10-12), serving as president (12), as chairman of the Tutoring Committee (11), as chairman of the Cooperation Committee (11) and winning fifth place in the National-Regional Convention in team competition (12); the Latin Club (9-11), serving as president (10); the Student Council (10-12), serving as Senior Executive (12), as Representative (11-12), as chairman of the Community Service Committee (12) and as a participant in the Adopt-A-Highway program (10-12); and the Future Problem Solvers (9-12), having been invited to participate in the State Competition (9-12), placing third in the State Skit Competition (11), second in the State Team Competition (11) and second in the State Alternative Competition; and

WHEREAS, John has also lent his considerable ability to the Prom Committee (11); the Environmental Club, serving as co-chairman of the Recycling Committee; the Future Farmers of America, serving as president (12), vice-president (11), chairman of the District-winning Parliamentary Procedure team (11), being chosen the Star Chapter Farmer (best club member (11), being awarded the State Farmer Degree (12) and serving as chairman of the Leadership and Community Service Committee (12); the Academic Quiz team as a valued member (11-12); LHS This Morning, the schoolwide television show, as a entertaining and informative host for six weeks (12); to his class as vice-president (12 and treasurer (11); as a Presidential Classroom Representative (11) and as the American Legion Boy's State Representative (11); and

WHEREAS, he is an active member of the Maple Hills Church of Christ; and

WHEREAS, his hobbies include hunting, farming and computers; and

WHEREAS, his noteworthy achievements are a great source of pride for his parents, Dorothy and John Hancock, sister Jennifer, brother Rodney King, grandparents Nelle Bettes and Jack Hancock and Pauline Nickens and Hoyte McGregor, his school, and community; and

WHEREAS, John Houston Hancock's dedication to excellence is clearly deserving of the respect, admiration, and commendation of this legislative body; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, That we honor and commend John Houston Hancock on being the 1995 Lebanon High School valedictorian and wish him well in his future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be duly prepared, with this final resolving clause deleted.